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WEATHER REPORT
Slightly cooler tonight. Wed-
nesday fair; moderate west to
northwest winds, variable
High tide 12:50 a. m. and 1:01
p. m.
Sun rose 4:52. Sun sets 6:58.

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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1916

LINER CYMRIC TORPEDOED

White Star Steamer Report-
ed to Be Sinking in
The Atlantic

CARRIED MUNITIONS

No Passengers Aboard and No Am-
ericans Believed to Be Among the
Vessel's Crew

Washington, May 9.—The State De-
partment was officially advised by
American Consul Wesley Frost, at
Queenstown, that the White Star
Liner Cymric sank at 3 a. m. to-
day off the Irish coast.

Consul Frost stated positively that
the Cymric was in the admiralty ser-
vice. Officials said this gave the Ger-
man submarine commander legal jus-
tification for sinking the vessel, as it
had the same status as a warship.

Five members of the crew were
killed when the vessel was torpedoed.
There were no Americans in the crew.
No passengers were aboard.

London, May 9.—The White Star
liner Cymric, torpedoed yesterday af-
ternoon by a German submarine, sank
at 3 o'clock this morning while at-
tempting to make her way into an
Irish port.

All the 110 officers and crew of the
Cymric were saved according to a
Lloyd's dispatch from Queenstown.

An earlier message said that sev-
eral vessels were proceeding to the
Cymric's assistance, and it is assum-
ed that the rescue steamers took off
the crew.

The Liverpool agent of the White
Star telegraphed confirmation of the
fact that the Cymric's crew was sav-
ed.

The Dutch steamer Grotto sent the
following wireless message via the
Valencia, Ireland, station.

"Cymric sank 3 this morning. All
hands safe."

London, May 9.—Lloyd's announc-
ed yesterday that the White Star
liner Cymric, which sailed from New
York April 29, for an English port,
was sinking at sea.

The Exchange Telegraph Company
understands that the Cymric was tor-
pedoed by a German submarine in
the Atlantic.

The White Star Company from re-
ports it has received, believes that
the Cymric was torpedoed about noon
yesterday.

New York May 9.—The Cymric
left New York April 29 with a cargo
of munitions and war supplies, in-
cluding 8,900 cases of cartridges. She
was commanded by Capt. F. F.
Readnell and had a crew of over 100
men. The Cymric carried no passen-
gers.

J. J. MacPherson, British Vice-
Consul here in charge of shipping,
said that as far he knew there were
no Americans among the crew. The
Cymric, he said, arrived here with a
crew of 110 men. Twelve deserted
and eight were taken on. None of
those taken on were American citizens,
Mr. MacPherson added. In addition
to the crew, five distressed British
seamen, who had been ill here, were
on the steamer.

The Cymric was for years in the
passenger service between New York
and English ports. She is a 13,000
ton vessel, 585 feet long and 64 foot
beam. She was built in Belfast in
1898.

According to the line's officials the
Cymric was in their service, denial
being made that she had been taken
over by the British Government. The
Cymric was not armed, they said.
She was due in Liverpool yesterday.

RECEPTION TO PASTOR

The members of the Methodist
Protestant Church will tender Rev.
E. T. Kirkley their pastor a recep-
tion at the church tonight. An in-
teresting program has been arranged
and it is expected a good time will
be experienced. Rev. Mr. Kirkley
was returned to this charge by the
Maryland conference which met in
Baltimore recently.

**HARD SHELL CRABS NOW ON
SALE AT RAMMELS CAFE**

MORE LEADERS SHOT.

Cries of "Murder!" Launched at Prem-
ier Asquith in House of Com-
mons.

London, May 9.—Four more Irish
leaders have been shot.

Official announcement was made
last night of the condemnation by
court-martial in Dublin, followed by
the immediate execution, of these re-
volutionary leaders: Cornelius Cul-
bert, J. J. Heuston, Edmund Kent,
and Michael Mallon.

The cry of "Murder! Murder!" was
launched at Premier Asquith in the
house of commons yesterday after-
noon. The speaker was Laurence Gin-
nell, an Irish member of parliament
of the nationalist party.

Even John Redmond, leader of the
nationalists, staunchly as he has sup-
ported the government, uttered in the
house today amid earnest protest
against the policy of exterminating
the misguided enthusiasts whose ef-
fort to establish an Irish republic
was frustrated by the military.

KILLED BY FALL OFF ROOF.

Painter Tumbles to Death While at
Work in Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, May 9.—Falling from
the roof of a house he was painting
yesterday, Harry Cope, 68 years old,
of No. 5606 Baynton street, German-
town, suffered injuries which result-
ed in his death a few hours later in
the Germantown Hospital. His skull
was fractured and he also was in-
jured internally.

With other painters, Cope was at
work on the residence of Edward
Miller, No. 5730 Wayne avenue. He
was not seen to fall and his fellow-
workers did not know of the accident
until they found him unconscious on
the pavement.

LOVESICK MAN TRIES TO DIE.

Shoots Himself in Head When Girl's
Letter Fails to Come.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 9.—Despair
at failing to receive a letter from his
sweetheart, the police say, prompted
Christian Lewis, 29 years old, of
Hancock and Diamond streets, to at-
tempt suicide last night at Mascher
street and Susquehanna avenue, by
shooting himself in the head. The
man was sent to St. Mary's Hospi-
tal and is in a critical condition.

The police say Lewis has a sweet-
heart in the West and daily received
a letter from her until a few days ago
when for some unknown reason the
missives stopped coming.

GERMANS BID TO IRISH

Signs on Trenches Inviting Them to
Join Teutons.

London, May 8.—Immediately af-
ter the outbreak of the Irish revolu-
tion, German soldiers in trenches op-
posite the Irish division, fighting on
the western front, put up signs invit-
ing Irishmen to join the Germans, ac-
cording to news received by John E.
Redmond, the Irish nationalist lead-
er, from his brother, Capt. William
H. K. Redmond, now at the front.
One notice read:
"Irishmen in Ireland are in revolu-
tion. English guns are firing on your
wives and children. Sir Roger Cas-
ement persecuted. Throw your arms
away. We give you hearty wel-
come."

Another sign read: "We are Saxons,
and if you don't fire, we won't."

The Irishmen replied by playing an
Irish air and "Rule Britannia" on
mouth organs.

MILITIA TO PATROL BORDER

Washington, May 9.—President Wil-
son today ordered out the militia of
Arizona, New Mexico and Texas to
patrol the Mexican border.

Two additional regiments of in-
fantry also have been ordered to the
border.

NOTICE TO WATER TAKERS

The mains of the Alexandria Wa-
ter Company will be flushed Tues-
day and Wednesday May 10 and 11th,
beginning at 6 p. m. House keepers
are requested to supply themselves
with clear water.

MONEY TO LOAN HOWARD W. SMITH

107 N. Fairfax St.
In any amount from \$1000
to \$10,000. Immediately
available.

FRENCH WIN BACK GROUND

Trenches Captured By Ger-
mans Retaken by Vio-
lent Assaults

DENY BERLIN REPORT

In Winning French Lines at Hill 304
Germans Suffered Tremendous
Losses

Paris, May 9.—A violent German
attack on Hill 304, at 3 o'clock this
morning, was completely repulsed,
the war office announces.

On the east bank of the Meuse,
northeast of Verdun, French counter
attacks during the night in the re-
gion northwest of Thiaumont, threw
the Germans from the few points in
the French first line trenches they
still held, as the result of Sunday's
heavy attack against the French front.

The German attack on Hill 304 fol-
lowed a night of heavy bombardment.
The Germans played shells upon the
French defensive positions on the hill
until nearly dawn. French curtain fire
brought the charge to an immediate
halt.

On the east bank of the Meuse the
Germans made no attempt at a vigor-
ous offensive, contenting themselves
with bombarding violently the Doua-
umont-Vaux front. The raid by which
the French recaptured lost ground
was the only important infantry ac-
tion on this side of the river.

French troops carried a German
post near Boland, in the Argonne last
night, killing all the occupants.

Berlin, May 9.—In the recent fight-
ing on the Verdun front the Ger-
mans captured an entire system of
trenches on the northern slope of
Hill No. 304. The War office an-
nounced yesterday.

Paris, May 9.—The Official com-
munication issued by the War Office
last night reads:

"On the left bank of the Meuse the
bombardment continued with the
same violence against Avocourt Wood
and the whole region of Hill 304. A
German attack, launched during the
course of the afternoon against our
positions at Hill 287, west of Hill
304, was stopped by our curtain of
fire and the fire of our machine guns.

"On the right bank and in the
Woivre the artillery yaction was quite
active. Our batteries effectively can-
onaded enemy encampments north
west of Euxezin and south of Thia-
court. The day was comparatively
calm on the rest of the front."

The Belgian official communication
reads:

"In the region of Dixmude the
Germans twice essayed, Sunday eve-
ning and yesterday morning, to re-
new the intense bombardment which
characterized the last few days. The
entry into action of our batteries of
all calibres quickly put a stop to
these two attempts."

In the French day report the loss-
es of the Germans are described as
extremely heavy, the Germans be-
ing driven out of a communicating
trench east of Hill 304, which they
penetrated Sunday.

East of the Meuse there was a
series of night engagements. The
Germans were driven from a trench
south of Haudromont, which they oc-
cupied yesterday, and 30 men, includ-
ing two officers were captured.

London, May 9.—Australian and
New Zealand troops have arrived in
France and have taken over a por-
tion of the front, it was announced
in an official statement tonight.

There are about 12,000 men in a
division so that according to the
German statement the French have
employed more than 600,000 men in
the battle of Verdun.

It has been generally believed that
the number of troops used by the
Germans was much in excess of the
300,000 or so indicated in today's of-
ficial report.

**HARD SHELL CRABS NOW ON
SALE AT RAMMELS CAFE**

LOCAL BREVITIES

The Willard W. C. T. U. will meet
at Trinity Methodist Church tomor-
row at 3 o'clock.

The Woman's Missionary of the M.
E. C. S., will meet tomorrow, Wed-
nesday, 3 p. m.

Eugene Bishop, of Alexandria, yes-
terday reported to the Washington
police that while in that city he lost
an open face gold watch.

The fire department was summon-
ed to 205 Duke Street about 3 o'clock
this afternoon. There was no fire
however.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah
H. Snowden were held this afternoon
from her home in Fairfax county
and were conducted by the Rev. John
L. Allison, pastor of the Second
Presbyterian Church of this City.

The monthly meeting of Chamber
of Commerce was held last night.
Resolutions were passed thanking the
Potomac and Chesapeake Steamboat
Co., for the excursion which was
tendered the Chamber several weeks
ago.

J. P. Morgan, of New York, whose
yacht, The Corsair, has been lying
off Alexandria for several days, spent
yesterday afternoon at Mt. Vernon,
the yacht returned here this morn-
ing. It will leave here this evening.

WILSON URGES BRANDEIS

But Senate Committee Fails to Set
A Time for a Vote on His
Confirmation

Washington, May 9.—President
Wilson's letter giving his reasons
for nominating Louis D. Brandeis for
the Supreme Court and urging con-
firmation was read to the Senate Ju-
diary Committee yesterday by Chair-
man Cullerson, but no vote was taken
as had been expected and no time
was fixed for one.

President Wilson characterized the
charges against his nomination as
"intrinsically incredible to any one
who really knows Mr Brandis," and
declared they "proceeded for the
most part from those who hated
Mr. Brandeis because he had re-
fused to be serviceable to them in
promotion of their own selfish in-
terests, and from those whom they
had prejudiced and misled." The
President added that the "propa-
ganda in this matter has been very
extraordinary and very distressing to
those who love fairness and value
the dignity of the great professions."

FOUND GUILTY BY JURY

Charged With Conspiracy to Destroy
Munition Ship Through Bomb
Contrivances

New York, May 9.—The jury which
for ten days heard testimony at the
trial of Robert Fay, a former lieuten-
ant in the German army; Walter
Scholz and Paul Daech, charged with
conspiracy to destroy munition ships
through bomb contrivances, returned
a verdict of guilty last night against
all of the defendants.

The defendants each are liable to a
maximum sentence of twelve years
imprisonment and \$10,000 fine. The
defendants were found guilty on two
indictments.

DOG MEAT SOLD FOR FOOD

Residents of French Soil Held By
Germans in Great Distress

New York, May 9.—Herbert Hoover
chairman of the Commission for Re-
lief in Belgium, in a report made
public today in New York, states that
suffering is very acute in the cap-
tured portion of Northern France be-
cause of the food shortage, and ap-
peals for more funds. Mr. Hoover
recently investigated conditions in
Lille, Valenciennes and Roubaix, a
territory comprising 1,250,000 people.
He found the meat shops closed, the
soup shops unable to operate because
of the shortage.

In Lille, Mr. Hoover, said the death
rate had doubled in the last month
and showed no signs of decreasing.
Prices for food had become prohibi-
tive, he said.

**DEVILED & HARD SHELL CRABS
AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT KING ST.**

RESIGNATION OF JUDGE KEITH

Governor Appoints Judge
F. W. Sims His
Successor

SERVED MANY YEARS

Retirement of Fauquier Jurist From
Supreme Bench Had Been Contem-
plated For Some Time

Judge James Keith, president of the
Supreme Court of Appeals of Vir-
ginia, has sent his resignation to
Governor Henry Carter Stuart and
the same has been accepted.

Governor Stuart yesterday an-
nounced the appointment of Judge
Frederick Wilmer Sims, of Louisa, to
fill the unexpired term of Judge Keith
and he will enter on his duties June
10th.

The resignation of Judge Keith was
sent to Governor Stuart last Thurs-
day, but the matter was not allowed
to become known by any of the par-
ties in interest.

Judge Sims, was communicated
with and the facts made known to
him and he was asked to accept the
unexpired term, having been elected
to succeed Judge Keith on the expira-
tion of his term February 1, 1917.

Judge Keith is one of the best
known men in the State of Virginia.
He has been on the bench for forty
years, twenty of which have been
spent on the bench of the Supreme
Court of Appeals, he having been
president of the court since his elec-
tion, following the return of the Dem-
ocrats, to power after the collapse of
the Readjuster regime.

Judge Keith is a native of Fau-
quier county, and nothing that has
appealed to Virginia, to her customs
and traditions, to her long record of
honor in which Judge Keith has not
been a conspicuous figure. Fifty-five
years ago when the State called for
troops he was among the first to quit
his law practice and to offer his ser-
vice in defense of the Old Dominion.
His war record is a matter of history,
serving to the end of that struggle
with heroism which made Virginians
famous.

After the war, with his fortune
swept away, he returned to his home
and began the practice of his pro-
fession. He was soon elevated to the
bench, and since that time, more than
forty years, he has been on the bench.
While Judge of the Circuit Court,
Judge Keith presided over that tribu-
nal in Alexandria, where he was a
familiar figure for years.

Judge Keith last fall announced
that he would not be a candidate for
re-election before the General Assem-
bly, preferring to retire from the
bench because of his age. He is a
very active man, however, but pre-
fers to retire to his private home
and to be rid of the hard work which
is entailed by service on the bench.

In the election to choose a suc-
cessor Judge Frederick Wilmer Sims,
of Louisa, was named from a large
number of aspirants, the term to begin
February 1, 1917.

When the resignation reached Gov-
ernor Stuart he determined to name
Judge Sims for the vacancy, seeing
that he was the choice of the Legis-
lature, and was asked to accept the
appointment and to assume his duties
the day on which Judge Keith re-
tires.

JEALOUSY CAUSES MURDER.

Minor Ellinger, of Crimora, Aug-
usta county, was shot on Sunday
night and probably fatally wounded
at Le Grange, a small station on the
Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, three
miles west of Staunton, Joseph An-
drews, of Augusta county, was ar-
rested yesterday afternoon, charg-
ed with the shooting. Ellinger made
a statement accusing Andrews. The
men were riding blind-baggage on a
freight out of Staunton and the train
had stopped at La Grange, when the
shooting occurred. Both men have
been attentive to Miss Edna Didrick,
and jealousy on the part of Andrews
caused the shooting, according to El-
linger. A pistol was found on An-
drews.

DISCUSSING PEACE

Germany Looking to President Wil-
son to Take Definite Step

Berlin, May 9.—Direct word from
Washington that President Wilson
will accept Germany's submarine con-
cessions has caused the greatest satis-
faction here. The public now believes
the issue definitely closed.

The newspapers are now discuss-
ing the possibility that President Wil-
son may prove acceptable to Ger-
many as a peace mediator when the
time comes to end the world war.
Certain of the papers, commenting
guardedly, point out that the peace
reference in Germany's reply affords
the American executive an opportunity
to make a definite move for peace.

"The German note contains one pas-
sage which we consider of the ut-
most importance" said the Vorwaerts
"namely, the reference to the fact
that Germany has twice within re-
cent months declared its readiness
for a peace which would secure its
vital interests."

"In conservative papers in the last
few days the opinion has been ex-
pressed that behind the action of the
American government there was hid-
den an intention to step forward as
a peace mediator. Perhaps this pas-
sage in the German note will give Mr.
Wilson an occasion to make public
the terms of peace which he believes
possible."

"President Wilson can perhaps do
more than merely maintain peace be-
tween Germany and the United
States," said the National Liberal
Gazette. "Fate has thrown much
unheard-of power in this man's lap
that he could do still other things
for bleeding, suffering humanity. Our
answer shows him the way."

The tone of the German press
veered more strongly toward peace
yesterday than at any time since the
war started. The Tagliche Rundschau
one of the papers which has opposed
concessions to America, also pointed
out yesterday President Wilson's op-
portunities to assume the role of
mediator.

Rotterdam, May 9.—Pope Benedict
XV has again been approached by
the Kaiser with reference to peace,
according to the German Humanity
League.

London, May 9.—Prince Bernhard
von Buelow, the former imperial
German chancellor, last night looms
large on the political horizon of Eu-
rope.

The only man living who has ever
dared to extort from his imperial mas-
ter a pledge of greater discretion in
the discussion and conduct of the
German empire's affair, is now speed-
ing in a special train toward the great
general army headquarters in the
field, in response to a hurry call from
Kaiser, who had bidden him, it is re-
ported, to a personal interview "of
extreme importance."

One theory advanced in well in-
formed circles here with reference to
the possible purpose of the conference
between the Kaiser and the prince
was that he is to be sent to the
United States on a special mis-
sion from the Kaiser to President
Wilson.

In connection with the last theory,
it is also suggested that the prince
may go to Washington as German
Ambassador to the United States.

ACCEPTS DECLARATION.

Wilson Wants Germany to Execute
Better Submarine Policy.

Washington, May 9.—A note cabled
by Secretary Lansing to Ambassador
Gerard yesterday for delivery to the
Berlin foreign office informs the Ger-
man government that the United
States accepts the "declaration of its
abandonment" of its former subma-
rine policy and now relies upon a
scrupulous execution of the altered
policy to remove the principal danger
of an interruption of the good rela-
tions existing between the two coun-
tries.

With this acceptance is coupled
formal notice to Germany that the
United States cannot for a moment
entertain, much less discuss, a sug-
gestion that respect by German naval
authorities for the rights of citizens
of the United States on the high seas
should in the slightest degree be
made contingent upon the conduct
of any other government affecting
the rights of neutrals and noncom-
batants.

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POLITICAL SLATE OF OLD DOMINION

Democrats Who Stand as
Candidates For Senate
and House

THIS YEAR'S OUTLOOK

Holland is Opposed in the Second
District—Saunders and Flood May
Have Trouble

The following is the outlook for the
congressional contests in the Demo-
cratic party in Virginia this year.

United States Senate—Claude Au-
gustus Swanson, of Pittsylvania.

First District—William A. Jones,
of Richmond, county.

Second District—J. E. Cole, of
Norfolk; E. E. Holland, of Suffolk,
and H. L. Maynard, of Portsmouth.

Third District—Andrew Jackson
Montague, of Richmond.

Fourth District—Walter A. Wat-
son, of Nottoway.

Fifth District—Judge E. W. Saun-
ders, of Franklin, with Dr. E. T. A.
Kent, of Fairfax, as a possibility.

Sixth District—Carter Glass, of
Lynchburg.

Seventh District—James Hay, of
Madison.

Eighth District—Charles C. Carlin,
of Alexandria.

Ninth District—E. Lee Trinkle, of
Wythe, is expected to offer.

Tenth District—Hal D. Flood, of
Appomattox, with Senator Aubrey
E. Strode, of Amherst, as a possibility.
So far only one man, Congressman
Holland, has avowed opposition and
he is opposed by two—Messrs. Cole
and Maynard. Mr. Cole is understood
to be the "reform" candidate for that
district.

In the case of Dr. Kent, a mem-
ber of the Virginia House, he has
not yet determined to make the race.
He first appeared on the congress-
sional horizon last winter when Con-
gressman Saunders was found to be
out of plumb with the policy of the
administration in some matters, and
he began to sound out the people as
to his own candidacy to oppose Con-
gressman Saunders. Dr. Kent is from
Halifax county, and is a physician.

In the Tenth District there is much
speculation at to what Senator
Strode will really do. He was patron
of the first Statewide prohibition bill
presented in the Virginia Legisla-
ture.

The Democrats in the Ninth will
make another effort to wrest that
district from the Republicans. They
have been at it for years, and on sev-
eral occasions they have cut down
the lead of Congressman Slemph, but
so far they have not been able to
capture this stronghold of the Repub-
licans.

FARMER SHOT IN BACK

Killed While Driving Wagon Through
Mountains—Posses Searching
For Murderers

Maybeaury, W. Va., May 9.—Will
Bowman, a farmer, forty years old,
was shot and killed yesterday morning
while driving a produce wagon
through the mountains near here. A
bullet was fired through the man's
back and lodged in his neck. A thir-
teen-year-old son, who accompanied
his father, says he was attacked by
two negroes about 5 o'clock. The boy
says he was lying half-hidden in the
bottom of the wagon, and after the
fatal shot was fired he made a noise
and the negroes ran away.

SLAIN FOR REFUSING A CHEW.

Tramp is Promptly Stabbed to Death
by a Companion.

Mahanoy City, Pa., May 9.—Mad-
dened when refused a chew of tobac-
co, John Homany, a tramp, attacked
a companion known as "John" with
a potato knife here yesterday, and
stabbed him to death. The killing oc-
curred in a shanty overlooking the
city dump ground. The alleged mur-
derer, who is nearly 60 years old, was
arrested and is in jail.